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SUBJ: AFSP: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAVEL FUNDS

FOR ARA/MGT/FM

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS INCREASE IN PROGRAM ALLOTMENT TOTALING
US \$6275, TO BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS.

2. TRAVEL FUNDS PRESENTLY ALLOTTED DO NOT BEGIN TO MEET
POST'S MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. WHILE WE FULLY AWARE OF NEED
FOR ECONOMY IN ALL USG OPERATIONS, WE MUST EMPHASIZE FACT
THAT OUR ABILITY CARRY OUT OUR BASIC MISSION DEPENDS IN LARGE
MEASURE ON AVAILABILITY ADEQUATE TRAVEL FUNDS. IN ADDITION
BARBADOS ITSELF (WHERE NO TRAVEL FUNDS EXPENDED), EMBASSY
SERVES NO FEWER THAN EIGHT ISLAND GROUPS--INDEPENDENT GRENADA,
FIVE ASSOCIATED STATES OF ANTIGUA,SDOMINICA, ST KITTS, ST
LUCIA AND ST VINCENT, AND (FOR CONSULAR AND OTHER MORE LIMITED
PURPOSES) TWO CROWN COLONIES OF MONTSERRAT AND BRITISH VIRGIN
ISLANDS. ONLY BY REGULAR TRAVEL TO THESE ISLANDS CAN WE HOPE
TO KEEP ABREAST OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN
THE AREA AND MAINTAIN MORE-OR-LESS SATISFACTORY DIALOGUE WITH
THE SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH WE ARE ACCREDITED.

3. MOREOVER, PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES THIS FISCAL YEAR DICTATE
NEED FOR FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THOSE THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE D
EXPENDED. BOTH DCM AND POLITICAL OFFICER HAVE ARRIVED AT POST
SINCE BEGINNING FY 75 AND NEED TO TRAVEL IN ORDER ACQUAINT
THEMSELVES WITH AREA AND ITS LEADERS. WHEN NEW CHIEF OF MISSION
IS ASSIGNED, HE, TOO, CAN BE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL FOR ORIENTATION
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PURPOSES, AND AREA GOVERNMENTS WILL NO DOUBT EXPECT HIM

TO PAY VISITS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE ISLANDS.

4. POST'S REQUEST FOR FUNDS AS SET FORTH IN PARA 1 ABOVE IS BASED ON ACTUAL FIRST QUARTER TRAVEL COSTS OF US \$1600. SIMILAR TRAVEL EXPENDITURES WITH SEASONAL VARIATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT FY 75 (FIGURES FOR 2ND AND 3RD QUARTER ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR 4TH QUARTER BECAUSE HOTEL RATES RISE SUBSTANTIALLY DURING WINTER SEASON). FUNDS PRESENTLY ALLOTTED CORRESPOND TO ACTUAL FY 74 TRAVEL EXPENSES AND FAIL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT (A) PROJECTED 30-50 PERCENT INCREASE IN PRICES OWING TO INFLATION IN FY 75 (B) ABSENCE FROM POST OF FORMER POLITICAL OFFICER FOR EIGHT MONTH PERIOD IN 1974 AND (C) INABILITY OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TO TRAVEL OWING HER POOR HEALTH.

5. EDUCATION FUNDS ARE REQUESTED FOR CHILDREN OF NEW DCM, WHO WAS ASSIGNED AFTER SUBMISSION OF POST'U BUDGET ESTIMATES. SIMMS

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